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THE WEATHER

Oregon and Idaho—Fair, moderate temperature.

Washington—Fair, slightly warmer in west portion exception along the coast.

JAPAN'S GOOD WILL.

Japan is taking timely steps to heal the sore places created in the American mind by her bombastic yearnings after war that was one of the conspicuous results of her late entanglement with Russia. Every word that comes from the Island Kingdom these days is fraught with friendliness for the United States and the old sense of uneasiness that was so apparent on both sides of the Pacific a year or more ago, has subsided to a point where each land is looking gladly and willingly to the other for good will and mutual understanding.

It is an excellent change of sentiment. The two countries are bound to have much in common through the years to come, commercially and diplomatically, and if a happy predicament can be established for the interchange of these large and commanding affairs, it were well to lay it now and in such fashion that its disruption shall be difficult and undesired by the peoples at interest. Every friendly national tie is another barrier against the senseless commercial wars that spring all too quickly and disastrously in these days of "bargain-counter" politics and monetary rule.

ALL FOR GOOD ROADS.

Up in Portland yesterday there were assembled something over a hundred very intelligent gentlemen from all over the State of Oregon, foregathered in the interest of good roads throughout the State; and the session ought to yield conspicuous and gratifying results. There is no more imperative scheme of public expansion and improvement than this of roads, and no roads in the Northwest more amenable to consideration and treatment than the Oregon roads with Clatsop's fairly in the lead.

We are doing much year by year in this behalf, but if we can advance our system of handling and preparation and maintenance, and make it conform to the best in other localities, we shall have taken a long step in one of the most commanding elements of our inter-communication policies, the cheapest methods of neighborly touch and business and general intercourse known to man, and one which he will never abandon, whatever the progress made in rail, water and air transportation.

The Portland convention should be prolific of general good considering the number and quality of the representatives who have gone there to scan the situation and further the cause of really good roads in Oregon.

ASTORIA'S IMMUNITY.

We repeat that Astoria, considering her structural conditions, the intimacy of range and exposure throughout her commercial area, is wonderfully immune from fire and that her rates are oppressively high and intolerably burdensome.

The Dunbar fire of Monday night is an object lesson as to the practical safety of the city so far as her trained fire-fighters can sponsor and maintain it, and that is among the chiefest of her exemptions. This fire broke out in the very core of her congested commercial field, in the very center of a block, surrounded on all sides by wooden walls, dry as tinder and as amenable to ignition as the material at the seat of the trouble, difficult of access, through narrow spaces, over gangways and through close alleys and avenues; yet the firemen went to the heart of the situation and stayed there, working expertly and success-

fully to the finish and saving the city from grave loss.

The demonstration is flatly in favor of an abated rate all over the city and there should be no let-up until it is secured. Nor is Astoria the only place where such consideration is due; there is not a town in the Northwest that is not amenable to a sharp abatement of its insurance rates and the imposition is so glaring that the marvel is that there is not a broad and unified campaign against it in the press and commercial agencies all over the country.

It would seem that in spite of the fine work done by President Roosevelt toward the regulation of the trusts their encroachments are becoming deeper and more significantly oppressive all the time, and it is up to the people to take their cue from him, and prosecute the fight to a level and standing that are acceptable. The people do not care who they pay rational prices to for their public utilities; but it is the irrational and prohibitive tariffs of the country that are beginning to appal them, finally.

KEEP TAB ON MOUTHERS.

Frank Hitchcock, the supreme manager of the Republican presidential campaign has inaugurated a clever scheme to rate and register the effectiveness of the orators who are to be sent out over the land in behalf of Mr. Taft and keep sharp tab on their efficiency and specific faculties, to the end that the best may be utilized at points where they are most needed and that the whole bunch may be tabulated and disposed wisely and effectually.

The idea is suggestive of a universal proposition to keep close tab on all the mouters, especially in the smaller and local sense of the brag-garts and blow-hards who infest every community in the land to the general unhappiness and disfavor and discomfort of those who have to live in touch with them.

If every community would set up a board of censors with autocratic power of declaring and publishing these abominable nuisances, it might tend to the wide relief and peace of those who suffer socially, commercially, and generally, from their everlasting yawn. The irresponsible mouther, the man who butts in with his lip and tongue and his half-baked estimates of men and plans and prospects, is among the worst of all known communal evils. Astoria has him, with a plentitude that is as unfair as it is insufferable.

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Diarrhoea Cured.

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Mr. Rosenberg Makes a Denial to Criticisms

At the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night the following communication from Ed. Rosenberg was presented and read, it being a reply to certain criticisms made by J. T. Welch:

Returning to this city after a few days absence, my attention was called to an article in the Morning Astorian of July 29th, giving an address read by J. T. Welch before the Chamber of Commerce. In this address the fishery legislation recently enacted by the vote of the people is strongly condemned and personal abuse heaped upon me as responsible for such legislation.

Were it not for the fact that an Astorian paper published this "address," I would not take up the valuable time of the Chamber of Commerce in replying to same, as I feel fully assured that the members of the Chamber, many of whom took an active and leading part in our fishery legislation fight, considered this address as the expressions of an unusually erratic mind.

But this address having been published, to remain silent now might mislead some of our citizens who gave loyal support to the Bill abolishing fishwheels and whose future support is needed to hold on to what has been gained.

For over one year past, Secretary Lornsen and myself, acting under instructions from the United Fishermen of the Pacific and the Columbia River Fishermen's Union, have at every step in this legislation consulted as to the legal bearing of same, with attorney John H. Smith. As stated at the mass meeting at the Astoria theatre, the leading cannery men last fall heartily approved the plan of campaign outlined to abolish the fishwheels and promised financial support when needed. The State Federation of Labor and the Oregon State Grange endorsed our measure. Men of the standing of David Starr Jordan, Judge Thomas A. McBride, State Senator Wright and many other public spirited citizens throughout the State gave their approval and support. And the citizens of Astoria gave financial, political and other assistance. For months members of the citizens committee chosen at the mass meeting, gave willingly part of their valuable time to plan and execute every move in the campaign for salmon protection. This was no one man's fight. It was a fight of the citizens of Astoria, aided by leading citizens of the State, to save our Columbia River salmon by abolishing fishwheels as far as Oregon jurisdiction went.

This object has been obtained. By a majority of 26,000 the voters last June decreed that commercial fishing for salmon above the Sandy must cease after August 25th. The best attorneys obtainable have been consulted and they agree that there is no doubt about the legality of this law. The fishwheels thus will go.

It is true the fishwheel owners, who claimed they stood to lose \$250,000 by the passage of our measure, placed before the people a trick bill, which practically abolished all fishing in the Columbia, except with fishwheels, traps and seines in certain districts. This trick bill with the aid of misrepresentation and open fraud and as reported with lavish expenditure of money judiciously placed for the purpose of fooling the voters, received a majority of 6000, and was likewise declared carried. However, the Federal courts have held, and their decisions hold in this matter I am informed, that fishery laws for the Columbia to be enforceable on gear which continually drifts from the waters of one State into the waters of the other State, must be approved by both States. And I am fully confident that the Legislature of Washington will not enact the fishwheel owners' trick bill, especially as under its terms a great many trappers and seiners, the allies of the wheelmen, would be as severely hurt as the gill-netters. Also the Legislature of Washington will be shown what fraud upon the people of Oregon was perpetrated to carry the trick bill.

Of course it is very much to be regretted that the fishwheel owners' trick bill likewise passed. Some annoyance to lower river fishermen no doubt will be caused by its passage. But this bill would never have passed if the citizens' committee last April and May had at its disposal funds to more fully cover the State with literature and send us speakers. But outside the Union Fishermen's Co-

operative Packing Company the other cannery companies when the time to aid came, went back on their promise of support. So the committee did the best it could with the limited funds at its disposal and overwhelmingly carried bill 332.

On a par with other misstatements in this "address" is the assertion that I have quit the fight. On the contrary, I continue to make my home at Astoria. Mr. Welch is not in my confidence, but trustworthy men know that vigorous steps are being taken to protect the interests of the fishermen and of the salmon industry.

In conclusion wish to say that continued vigilance and effort is necessary to hold on to what has been gained and to prevent harm to the industry, for there are some men in the salmon industry who are continually scheming to hog it all.

I remain, very respectfully,
ED. ROSENBERG.

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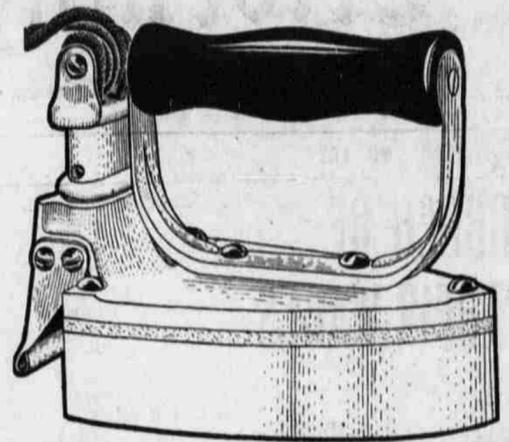
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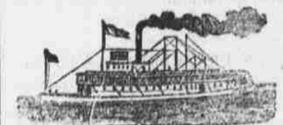
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